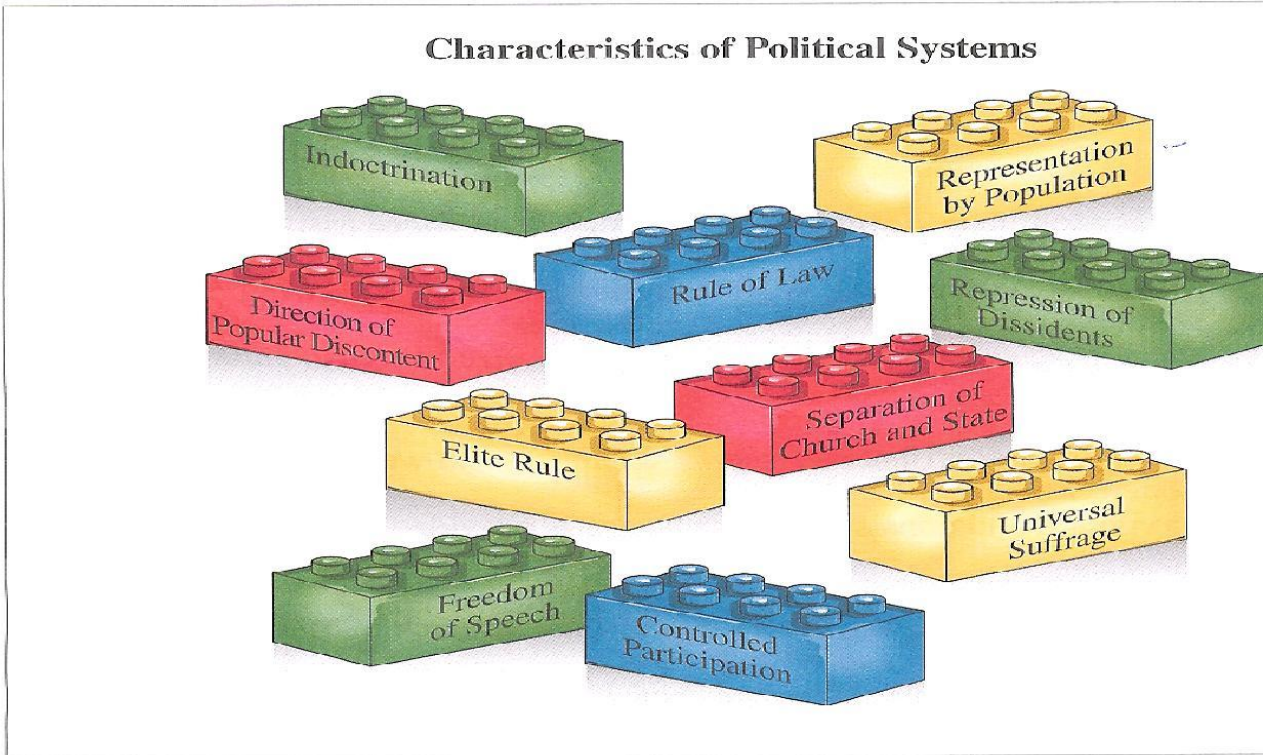


WA 1 Position Response Planning Worksheet



Topic: Which characteristics of political systems do you think are most important to a liberal democracy?

Planning a Position Response

Choose at least three characteristics that you think are most important to a liberal democracy and rank them in order of importance.

Weakest or least important point or characteristic:

Second best point or characteristic:

Most important point or characteristic:

Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: State your position on the topic **and nothing else**. **For example:** I firmly believe that there are **three** major characteristics of political systems that are important to a liberal democracy. **OR** I firmly believe that a liberal democracy has **three** very important characteristics. (You may use either of these sentences or create your own)

Topic Sentence:

First,

Second,

Finally,

Your Concluding Sentence or Sentences:

Paragraph 2 should explain your first (weakest) point/characteristic in 4-6 sentences.

1) Topic Sentence – State your first characteristic/point. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.

For example: One of the most important characteristics of a liberal democracy is _____

2)

3)

4)

5) Conclusion - Summarize your position. You may wish to use two sentences.

Paragraph 3 should explain your second best point/characteristic in 4-6 sentences.

1) Topic Sentence – State your second best characteristic/point. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.

For example: Another important characteristic of a liberal democracy is _____

2)

3)

4)

5) **Conclusion** - Summarize your position. You may wish to use two sentences.

Paragraph 4 should explain your final point/characteristic. It should be your best/most important one. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.

For example: I believe that the most important characteristic of a liberal democracy is _____

1) Topic

2)

3)

4)

5) **Conclusion** - Summarize your position. You may wish to use two sentences.